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1. The WARSAW-BERNEROWO airfield has been under construction since 1946. The Polish engineer ZYGMUNTOWITSCHE was in charge of the construction work. Three hundred German PWs, one thousand Polish civilian workers, and about two thousand Polish labor service men worked at the field from the spring to the beginning of the winter of 1948. The north-south and east-west runways, leveled by February 1949, were to be concreted during that year. The northwest-southeast runway was surveyed and staked out. The aircraft parking sites on the eastern edge of the field were also surveyed but were not yet under construction. The aprons in front of the hangars, the taxiways and the floors of the hangars were made of a 10-inch gravel bed surfaced with 10-inches of concrete. The northern hangar and the surrounding one-story buildings were completed by November 1947, the southern hangar in the fall of 1948.
2. The Polish pilot school was quartered in four or five four-story barracks blocks. Several aircraft used for training purposes were parked in the barracks area. According to Polish soldiers, the pilot students, all about 20 years of age, were officer candidates. They were replaced by new students about October 1948. It was occasionally observed that the students did infantry training. According to fellow PWs who were employed in the pilot school barracks, the infantry training lasted a year. The students were given flight training at the completion of this course.
3. South of the casemate there were three four-story barracks blocks in which the equipment dump of the airfield construction battalion was housed. A radio operator school was also

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located there in the fall of 1948. This school was estimated to have three hundred students who were allegedly unfit pilots. The unit's equipment included pack radio sets and radio trucks with which the unit occasionally left for training. The airfield was not yet occupied in February 1949.

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